

Abbots Langley Parish Council

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16th April 2015.

To Members of the Leisure Committee

Councillors: Sara Bedford, Martin Brooks (Vice-Chairman), Gloria Keaveny, Jane Lay, John Wyatt (Chairman).

The next meeting of the Leisure Committee will be held at the above address on Wednesday 22nd April 2015 at 7:30 pm when your presence is summoned for the purpose of transacting the business outlined below. The press and public are welcome to attend the meeting.

Tim Perkins
Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

3. Public Participation

To note if any members of the public have requested to speak at this meeting, in accordance with the Parish Council's Public Speaking Arrangements.

4. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on

18th February 2015.

5. Reports from Allotments Representatives

To receive reports from the Allotments Representatives.

6. Reports from Sports Representatives

To receive reports from the Sports Representatives.

7. Reports from Halls Representatives

To receive reports from the Halls Representatives.

8. Car Parking at Manor House & Primrose Hill - Operating Protocol

a. To receive a report from Councillor Sara Bedford on discussions with Breakspeare School on car parking arrangements.

b. To consider the report from the Facilities Manager, deferred from the February meeting of this committee. (enclosed)

9. Three Rivers District Council - Abbots Langley Leisure Projects

To note the publication of the above and the forthcoming consultation. (See Clerk's report item 1.)

10. Manor House Bookings

To receive an update from officers on items considered at the February meeting of this committee. (See Clerk's report item 2.)

a. Round tables for the Manor House.

b. Revised pricing for Friday night events.

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11. Evergreen FC - Upgrade to the Buildings at South Way Playing Fields

To consider the report submitted by the above on the plans to refurbish the buildings at South Way. (See Clerk's report item 3, consultants report and plan enclosed.)

12. Manor House MuGA - Use by The Elms Tennis, Football and other Sports

To consider the above. (See Clerk's report 4.)

13. Clerk's Report

To consider items on the Clerk's report not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

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Clerk's Report - Leisure Committee - April 2015

1. Three Rivers District Council - Abbots Langley Leisure Projects

On 11th March 2015 Three Rivers District Council's Leisure, Wellbeing and Health Committee discussed a report on the above which included the allocation of \$106 funds from the Leavesden Aerodrome developments. A copy of the report is available from the relevant meeting page on TRDC's website or from the Clerk.

The report covers a wide range of leisure activities in the parish, including play provision, sport, heritage and arts & culture.

The Parish Council will be consulted on the report, along with other local organisations such as the YMCA, WCHT, sports clubs, etc., it is expected that this will be at the June meeting of this committee.

As part of the discussion members will also have to start considering the disposition of the funds already earmarked for play area refurbishment.

2. Manor House Bookings

Following up the discussion at the February meeting of this committee.

a. Round Tables for Manor House

David Abbott has looked at various options for round table tops, which could be fitted onto our current tables. The enclosed diagram shows how standard five feet diameter round tables would fit in the Manor House. As they would impact on the seating capacity and present storage problems, this is not considered worth pursuing.

b. Discounted Rates

Currently bookings for Saturday nights are holding up, with only limited gaps over the coming months, Fridays are also being taken up. See enclosed summary.

At this stage a blanket discounting of Friday nights is thought to be counterproductive. Bookings staff will be briefed that if a customer is considering a Friday night, instead of a booked Saturday, they could be offered (subject to DA or TP approval) the normal weekday rate.

3. Evergreen FC - Upgrade to the Buildings at South Way Playing Fields

Evergreen FC want to upgrade the buildings that they lease from the Parish Council on a full repairing basis. Enclosed is a report submitted by their consultants which details the key changes and background, particularly timings. A site plan is also enclosed.

This will require final approval by the Parish Council as it involves property matters.

4. Manor House MuGA - Use by The Elms Tennis, Football and other Sports

Discussions are ongoing with The Elms with a view to trying to launch some form of Tennis Club for this summer. The Elms have been in contact with TRDC in terms of additional funding, beyond the £2,000 the PC have offered to refurbish the courts. Total cost is c. £6,400.

If something can be got up and running this year an exchange of letters will be needed with The Elms to outline the T&Cs, so there is no misunderstanding on the arrangements.

The toilets at the Manor House are in the process of being refurbished. They have been cleared out, one of the steel doors was jamming, this required remedial work which has been carried out. Works are needed to check the water system and replace taps, this is being programmed. The required works are relatively low cost and when complete the toilets could be made available to The Elms on a key holding basis. We do not have resources to clean the toilets.

Beyond the arrangements for this first year members need to give consideration to the longer term, issues like exclusivity of use of the MuGA, possible conversation of the basketball, zip wire and youth shelter area into other uses.

Whilst decisions are probably not possible at this meeting, post elections these will be issues will need consideration and resolution, within the context of the longer term plans for leisure activities in the parish. The TRDC report, agenda item 9 will be key in this regard.

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5. Fencing Primrose Hill Playing Fields

The fence adjacent to the footpath on Primrose Hill playing fields has finally been replaced by the landlord. I had reported on a number of occasions that it was in a poor and in some places dangerous condition.

The work was carried out by IPS, who occasionally undertake fencing work for the Parish Council. They have used a similar type of fencing as we used on the allotments and the works appear to have been carried out satisfactorily.

It is just a pity it required multiple letters from me, Three Rivers District Council officers and finally a threat of prosecution before the landlord took any action.

6. Defibrillators

CPADs have now been installed at Katherine Place, Kings Lodge Hunton Bridge, Bedmond Village Hall and Tanners Wood Hall. They have been added to the "All Risks" schedule of our insurance, the premium is apx. £10/unit/year.

Two additional CPADs have been provided by the East of England Ambulance Service, the cost of the cabinets and the installation will be funded from the 2014-2015 Chairman's allowance.

The Sheepcot Medical Centre is relocating from Sheepcot Lane to the new Abbotswood development. They have been approached as a possible location which would serve the new development. Their response was very offhand, which was somewhat surprising. There are further retail units in the same area and a Co-op convenience store will be opening soon, these will be now approached.

We have been looking for a location for the final unit in the Lemonfield Drive, Tudor Manor Gardens, Colne Way area, without luck, any ideas?

An alternative would be to try and find somewhere in the Kings Langley Station/Roman Gardens area. Both David Abbott and the Chairman have been chasing Imagination for a possible donation and if they were to come up trumps then that would be the obvious area for a unit they have funded.

Tim Perkins
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